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Letter dated 18 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I regret to inform you that on Sunday, 14 May 2000, troops of the Rwandan Patriotic Army cowardly murdered some 30 inhabitants of Katogota, a village situated about 60 kilometres from the town of Bukavu in South Kivu province.

These new killings add to the already long list of serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law perpetrated by the occupation forces.

My Government urges the Security Council to expedite an international investigation to establish the facts concerning these new massacres, as well as all the other atrocities for which elements of the occupation forces are responsible.

My Government draws the Security Council's attention to paragraph 14 of Council resolution 1291 (2000) of 24 February 2000, which "*condemns* all massacres carried out in and around the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and *urges* that an international investigation into all such events be carried out with a view to bringing to justice those responsible".

My Government requests that you speed up the deployment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) in order to ensure the Mission's effective fulfilment of the part of its mandate relating to the protection of the human rights of Congolese citizens.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) André **Mwamba Kapanga**
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